

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application:

A. KIUCHI et al

Serial No. 09/973,734 Filed: October 11, 2001

Group Art Unit:

2124

Examiner:

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For:

A DATA PROCESSING DEVICE

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents MS: Patent Application Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/973,734, filed on October 11, 2001, entitled A DATA PROCESSING DEVICE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
 - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee \$ 770.00

Total Claims $6 - 20 = 0 \times 22 =$ Independent Claims $1 - 3 = 0 \times 82 =$

Total Filing Fee \$ 770.00

- 3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. Cancel claims 2-21 before calculating the Filing Fee.

 A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial

No. 09/973,734 filed October 11, 2001, which is a continuation

application of U.S. Serial No. 09/213,260, filed December 17,

1998 (abandoned), which is a divisional application of U.S.

Serial No. No. 08/725,481 filed October 4, 1996, now U.S.

Patent No. 5,884,092.

New drawings are enclosed, seven (7) sheets,
 Figs. 1(a)-7.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

- 9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 7-261180, filed October 9, 1995; No. 8-236140, filed September 6, 1996.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/973,734, as originally filed on October 11, 2001.

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